

<p style="text-align: center;">The Basic Steps To Do An Initiative In Idaho Statutes Only – Direct Initiative Process</p>
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Basic Procedures: A copy of the proposed initiative petition shall be filed with the signatures of 20 qualified electors of the state in the Secretary of State's office. The Secretary of State shall immediately transmit a copy of the proposed petition to the Attorney General for a Certificate of Review. The Attorney General may confer with the petitioner and shall, within 20 working days after receipt, review the proposed petition for substantive improvements and shall recommend to the petitioner such revision or alteration of the measure as may be deemed necessary and appropriate. The recommendations of the Attorney General shall be advisory only and the petitioner may accept or reject them in whole or in part.

The Attorney General shall issue a certificate of review to the Secretary of State certifying that he has reviewed the measure for form and style and that the recommendations thereon, if any, have been communicated to the petitioner, and such certificate shall be issued whether or not the petitioner accepts such recommendations.

Any qualified elector of the state of Idaho may, at any time after the certificate of review is issued, bring an action in the Supreme Court to determine the constitutionality of the initiative.

Within 15 working days after the issuance of the Certificate of Review, the petitioner, if he desires to proceed, with his sponsorship, shall inform the Secretary of State, in writing, of his intent. The Attorney General shall provide ballot titles, on the final proposal, within ten (10) working days. Any person who is dissatisfied with ballot titles, may appeal to the Supreme Court within 20 days after said ballot title is filed in the office of the Secretary of State. This shall not prevent later judicial proceedings and decisions on sufficiency of ballot titles. The Secretary of State shall transmit the approved form with the ballot titles to the petitioners with printing instructions. Any voter or group of voters may on or before July 20 prepare and file an argument not to exceed 500 words, for or against any measure. Rebuttal Arguments, not to exceed 250 words may be submitted no later than August 1. Voter Pamphlets will be printed and distributed by the Secretary of State no later than September 25.

Date Initiative language can be submitted to state for 2002: No deadline

Signatures are tied to vote of which office: Number of registered voters at the last general election.

Next general election: 2002

Registered voters at last general election: 728,083

Net number of signatures required: 6% of registered voters at the last general election (43,685)

Distribution Requirement: A minimum of 6% of qualified electors in each of Idaho's 22 counties (this distribution requirement was struck down by the federal courts but the state has appealed that decision).

Circulation period: 18 Months

Do circulators have to be residents: Yes

Date when signatures are filed for certification: The proponents upon receipt of ballot titles and approved form have an 18-month circulation period or until April 30 in an election year whichever occurs earlier.

Signature verification process: Petitions are turned into the county clerks of the counties in which the petitions are circulated. The county clerks verify every signature.

Single-subject restriction: No

Legislative tampering: The legislature can both repeal an initiative (by court ruling).